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SUBJECT: COPPER CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 219328

1. ON SEPTEMBER 7 EMBOFF CONVEYED US VIEWS AS DESCRIBED  
REFTEL TO FONOFF (YAMADA, RESOURCES DIV.) AND MITI (YOKOTA,  
INTL. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIV.). BOTH AGENCIES EXPRESSED  
STRONG PREFERENCE FOR HOLDING CONSUMER CONSULTATIONS ON  
COPPER AS A CONTINUATION OF SEPTEMBER HLGC MEETING IN ORDER  
TO MINIMIZE STIMULATION TO LDC SENSITIVITIES ABOUT BY-  
PASSING UNCTAD. FONOFF WILL BE REPRESENTED AT BOTH HLGC  
AND UNCTAD MEETINGS BY COUNCILLOR MIZOGUCHI, ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS BUREAU, AND MITI ALSO BELIEVES IT WILL HAVE NO  
DIFFICULTY IN SENDING REPS TO PARIS HLGC MEETING WHO HAVE  
THE REQUIRED EXPERTISE ON COPPER. (ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DEPT.  
CHIEF SUZUKI WILL REPRESENT MITI AT HLGC, BUT MITI  
DELEGATE FOR COPPER MEETING HAS NOT YET BEEN SELECTED.)  
BOTH OFFICIALS SAID THAT IF IT WERE IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD  
SEPTEMBER 23 MEETING UNDER HLGC AUSPICES, GOJ WOULD  
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NONETHELESS PROBABLY AGREE TO AD HOC CONSULTATIONS

AMONG MAJOR COPPER CONSUMERS.

2. GOJ OFFICIALS WERE AGREEABLE TO U.S.-PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS AND INDICATED THAT JAPAN WOULD FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PRODUCER/CONSUMER FORUM FOR COPPER AND OPPOSE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A STABILIZATION AGREEMENT. YAMADA REPORTED THAT SOME JAPANESE INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES HAD RECENTLY HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH CIPEC SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS WHO APPEARED UNHAPPY ABOUT UNCTAD'S ENCROACHMENT UPON THEIR BUREAUCRATIC TURF AND SYMPATHETIC TO THE IDEA OF AN INDEPENDENT COPPER FORUM. YAMADA SUGGESTED THAT A SKILLFUL APPROACH MIGHT ALSO INDUCE SOME LDC COPPER PRODUCERS TO LOOK WITH FAVOR UPON AN INDEPENDENT COPPER GROUP. YOKOTA ADDED THAT IT MIGHT HELP IN THIS CONNECTION TO POINT OUT THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF PAST UNCTAD COMMODITY GROUPS SUCH AS THE TUNGSTEN COMMITTEE. YAMADA REPORTED THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT CIPEC MEMBERS PLAN TO MEET IN PARIS FROM SEPTEMBER 16. SHOESMITH

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